

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Thank you, Senator McKenzie. The basis for the amendment, let me go into that for just a little bit, the first part of that talks about, if you will remember, this bill deals with the arrest jurisdiction, particularly of peace officers and primarily local police officers, this does not deal with the State Patrol, that they will have the power to enforce the laws of the state. Well, obviously, that is already in statute, they can do that. But once they leave that jurisdiction, we want to make sure that they can enforce the laws from whence they came. For example, the drunk driving offense that precipitated this, State v. Tingle, was when the officer left the geographic jurisdiction of the community of Neligh and went out into the county. All that this amendment does is to want to make sure that the law, for example, if Neligh had a city ordinance for drunk driving, that just because the arrest took place outside the jurisdictional...the geographic jurisdictional boundaries, that they could still enforce that original offense, which may well, in this case wasn't, but it may well have been a city ordinance for drunk driving. Then just because the arrest took place in the county, that they still can enforce the city ordinance. That's the first part of the amendment. The second part, I think, is one that Senator McKenzie brought to me. It just basically says that outside the boundaries, and the words, the boundaries of any incorporated cities, I think it says that anyway but this makes it plainer and so I have no objection to it. I don't think that either one of these changes the substance of the measure and I believe they just more or less clarify what the original intent of the bill was. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, and colleagues, would Senator Kristensen yield to a question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Kristensen, how many additional people will be arrested under this bill?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I have no idea.